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31 MAR 1983

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TO: Director of Central Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, DC 20505

1. (C) When the NFIB approved NIE 11-3/8-82 on 15 February, I noted the comments by LtGen Faurer and Mr Gates concerning the resources used in producing the estimate. I asked my staff to survey Air Force participants to gauge our resource investment in this year's estimate. I learned the Air Force invested over [redacted] in [redacted]

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2. (U) While this is a substantial commitment, I believe it is worth it. In addition to the utility of the product to policy makers and planners, the process of writing the document also has distinct value. I know of no other national-level forum in which all facets of Soviet strategic nuclear capability are so thoroughly and systematically examined by some of the community's best analysts on an annual basis. The interagency dialogue fostered by the 11-3/8 process benefits both the Air Force and the intelligence community.

3. (C) The Air Force supports any methodology that improves the production process. This estimate is considered very valuable to the U.S. Air Force and we definitely support an annual publication no later than January. Such a publication date would enhance the utility of the NIE in the DoD planning and programming processes. I urge you to consider ways to reach such a goal while providing at least a two-week top-line coordination period prior to NFIB.

John B. Marks

cc: NFIB Members
 NFIB Secretary

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